

Frederick County Sustainability Commission

Meeting Minutes

7/15/2015

FCSC Attendees: Tom Anderson, David Lange, Tim Jones, Annie Jones, Ron Kaltenbaugh, Joe Richardson, Mike Uecker, Jamie Shopland (County Council), Susan Weber, Mike Swanson

OSER: Lisa Orr

Public: Amy Castle-Rogers (Goodwill Monocacy Valley) acastlerogers@gimv.org

Dianne Lange langeusa@gmail.com

Fred Ugast (PACE)

Welcome – 3 pm Introductory Comments:

- The Chair welcomed all FCSC attendees and guests, outlined the intent of the meeting and acknowledged Jamie Shopland from the County Council (representing Jerry Donald)
- The Chair requested volunteers to step forward at the August FCSC meeting for the Vice Chair position starting in October, 2015.
- The Vice Chair noted that the June, 2015 meeting minutes were distributed (motion to accept by Ron K. and Joe R.) and unanimously approved. The Vice Chair will continue to prepare future Agenda and Meeting Minutes.
- The Vice Chair reaffirmed the date of October 16, 2015 for the FCC/FCSC Sustainability Event and will report on the progress of the event at each Commission meeting. All Commission members are encouraged to volunteer. Jamie Shopland will check with the County Council for their participation.

Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Presentation by Fred Ugast

- Fred Ugast gave a comprehensive presentation of PACE which generated good discussions among commission members and OSER
- Fred indicated that PACE is a good form of financing clean energy initiatives
- Several commission members indicated that FCSC should show support for PACE(if applicable) but not do it with a resolution
- The FCSC Chair indicated that it was too early for FCSC resolution on the subject of PACE due to the timeline for implementation of all discussions and the complexity of ongoing issues, but will keep in the FCSC future sights.

FCSC Sustainability Plan:

- Ron K. indicated that the next event would be a County event (Technical Workshop) with Brunswick and Emmetsburg to share ideas

Presentation by Tom Anderson on Geo-Thermal Energy Solutions:

- Tom gave an excellent presentation on the basics of installing a geo-thermal energy system
- Tom gave examples of successful systems installed 6-7 feet below ground level
- Tom indicated that the engineered cost savings is difficult to calculate
- A copy of Tom's presentation is available upon request

Solid Waste Management Options Study Update:

- Joe R. indicated that there was no meeting July 7th and the next meeting will be July 30th to select a company for the options study

OSER Updates:

- Lisa discussed the neighborhood green program and the new power retrofit program with a goal of affecting 125 households and a budget of 728 K to run the program.

Commission Members Items of Interest:

- Joe R. Is moving forward with his interest in community solar on his property. Indicated a continued proposal for 10 acres on his farm. FCSC comments requested.
- Dave L. indicated that assistance will be needed by Commission members for the October Sustainability event. More to come as time gets closer.
- Annie J. discussed the Frederick Co. Nelson Mandela event and participation requested from the FCSC to attend the Saturday afternoon Mayoral workshop. Annie to send out additional contact information
- Ron K. discussed Parks and Recreational good initiatives and possible Awards
- Mike U. discussed the Power Saver retrofits project and its success
- Tim J. indicated that the Ft. Detrick new solar farm project is very close to the security fence
- Tom A. reminded all to look for recognitions on sustainability initiatives.

Note: Following the meeting Jamie Shopland provided the FCSC Chair with an update regarding FCSC appointees and current commission terms: [“Regarding the question of FCSC commission appointments, I realized this morning that the Council voted on July 7 to confirm the reappointments of Tim Jones and David Lange for 3-year terms to expire on June 30, 2018. The Council also voted on July 7 to appoint Michael Swanson and Susan Weber for a term of three years to expire on June 30, 2018”.](#)

Other Reminders:**Further update discussion on FCSC Member Presentations Items of Interest (for the future):**

July/August -Chris V. to briefly discuss Waste Management

- Phil Harris on FC Landfill???
- Mike & Tim- Std. for residential
- Chris M. – Solar and Energy grid
- Margie L. had indicated the following Spot Recognitions for the future, so as not to forget them:
 - North Point, Mercer Agri-Services, Mount St. Mary's

Public comments: none

Adjourn-The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.